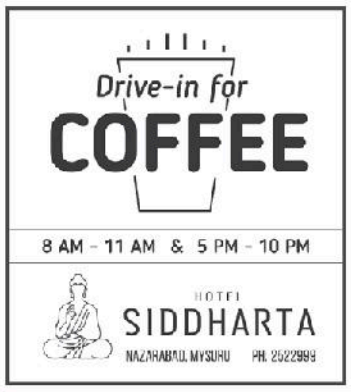

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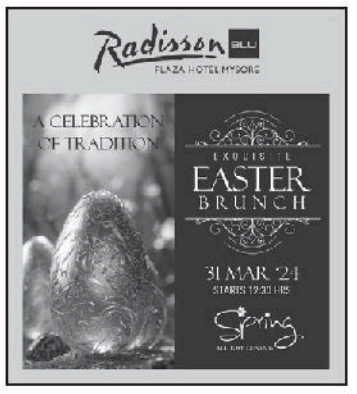

Missing mother-son from city murdered in Vijayapura

Accused arrested after one year

- Udayagiri-Vijayapura Rural Police crack crime that occurred on Mar. 13, 2023
- Woman and son had been to Vijayapura to start a new life with Facebook friend but never returned

A file photo of Shruthi and Rohan. Picture right shows the well on the Karnataka-Maharashtra border where the bodies were dumped in March 2023.

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (BCT)- In a coordinated effort, the Mysuru city Police and the Vijayapura Rural Police have solved a murder case where a woman and her son were murdered at a lodge in Vijayapura in March 2023. The year-old case was cracked and two persons have been arrested.

The murder angle first emerged when the Udayagiri Police circulated a missing person report to all Police stations in Karnataka, detailing the disappearance of 36-year-old D.S. Shruthi and her 11-year-old son Rohan, residents of Sathagalli in Mysuru.

Upon cross-referencing the information, the Vijayapura Police realised that they had recovered the bodies of a woman and a boy from a well in March last year. Through inquiry and joint efforts by the Udayagiri and Vijayapura Rural Police, the murder mystery, which had remained unresolved for over a year, was finally pieced together. Five days back, the Vijayapura Rural Police arrested 29-year-old Sagar Nayak Lamani and his accomplice, 28-year-old Laxmikant Kumbar, both residents of Sai Park in Vijayapura. Subsequently, they confessed to their involvement in the crime.

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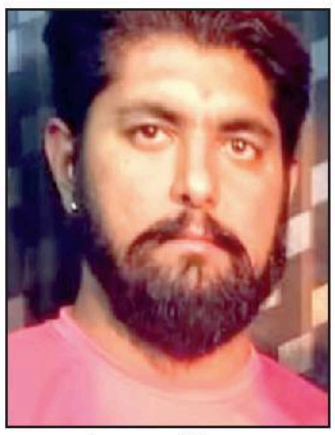
Accused was summoned to Mysuru where he denied any involvement



Accused Sagar

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (BCT)- On February 15, 2024, Siddaiah, a resident of Sathagalli in Mysuru city, filed a missing person report at the Udayagiri Police Station concerning his daughter, 36-year-old D.S. Shruthi, and her 11-year-old son Rohan, who had been missing since March 12, 2023.

The report outlined that Shruthi had left her husband, establishing contact with Sagar Nayak Lamani from Vijayapura via Facebook, and the two had developed a romantic relationship.

When Inspector Sudhakar requested further details from Siddaiah, he informed the Police that his daughter had left home on March 12, 2023, bound for Vijayapura, and had contacted him from there.

According to Siddaiah, Shruthi had travelled to Vijayapura to meet Sagar. In response, Inspector Sudhakar summoned Sagar to Mysuru for questioning. During the inquiry, Sagar informed Sudhakar that Shruthi had indeed visited Vijayapura but had left after meeting him.

Continuing his investigation, Sudhakar proceeded to inquire with the Vijayapura Police regarding any reports of unidentified deceased individuals, specifically a woman and her son, discovered in March 2023.

The Vijayapura Police affirmed the existence of one such report, confirming the discovery of unidentified bodies of a woman and a boy found within two bags in a well. This crucial information further linked missing person report filed by Siddaiah with the tragic events that unfolded in Vijayapura.

60 AI-based cameras on Expressway by April end

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP-Traffic & Road Safety) Alok Kumar holding a meeting with Karnataka NHAI Officers, Regional Officers and Project Directors in Bengaluru on Mar. 28.

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (BCT)- As the toll rates for travel between Mysuru and Bengaluru on the Access-Controlled Expressway are set to increase from April 1, motorists should anticipate heightened scrutiny for speed violations that lead to accidents. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) intends to enhance surveillance measures by installing 60 Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras along the Expressway.

(See CAMERAS on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 30th March 2024

Gen. K.S. Thimayya's birth anniversary

Ex-Servicemen Assn. to place water tanks at Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (GA&BS)-As part of the birth anniversary of former Chief of Army Staff Gen. K.S. Thimayya, Mysuru District Unit of Akhila Karnataka Ex-Servicemen Association has organised a programme to place cement water tanks at Chamundi Hill in city to feed birds and animals tomorrow (Mar. 31) at 8 am.

K.P. Diwakar, President of Mysuru District Unit of Akhila Karnataka Ex-Servicemen Association, told media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavana in the city yesterday that "Following the scorching heat in the State, the animals are struggling for water. Hence, we have organised an event called 'Vanyajeevi Jalapatre' to quench the thirst of birds and animals atop the Chamundi Hill."

"As many as 20 cement tanks that can hold six to seven litres of water will be placed after identifying the suitable places atop the hill. It will be handed over to Forest Department and Gram Panchayat. Every Sunday, the members of Ex-Servicemen Association will fill water to the tanks," he added.

Vice-President of the Association Neelakanta Kumarashetty, members Rajini Subbaiah, Lakshmi, Komala and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BYGONE BRAND: ***In the early days when Indians were mad about 'phoren' goods it was so easy to give gifts on trips home and win the love and gratitude of sundry family members and friends. Packets of orange-flavoured Tang and huge tins of powdered milk were par for the course.***

If one overlooked a fond relative, well, a little clever mixing of two used perfumes or colognes did the trick and if someone noticed the seal was broken, we could blame the nasty little Customs who, before the turn of the century, were heartily loathed for their hostility to us Gulfis. Open your bags, was a common airport mantra.

Then we bought cheap ripoffs of clothes, fake Belgian chocolates and 'branded' watches made in China. Everyone was happy and even daughters-in-law were forgiven their trespasses because they came laden with gifts. If one of those was a gold disco chain, life was a double bed of roses.

Even Quaker Oats, cornflakes and Cheerios were given a warm welcome as were tins of tuna and cheese of all sorts. Cheddar, Brie and Camembert were shared with inordinate pride, evidence that son had done well abroad. And, of course, clothes, especially jeans, were the cherry on the sundae. How could we not be showered with affection, for thoughtfully bringing in mayo in glass jars.

Cosmetics were another winner. Shampoos smelling of apples and lemons, foundations and creams, and lipsticks were distributed with zest like we were Santa on steroids. Everything was good enough.

That has all gone now. Expats find shopping for presents tedious and intimidating. What can we possibly take that will be welcomed with glee when it is all available at home, and it's fresh and of global standards. New gen fam members know fake from real and you can't play anymore con games by wrapping up seconds and passing them off. Unless you are buying real 24k gold or 18-year-old single malt or a 50-inch TV and a high-end mobile phone, no one is impressed. Gone are the days of fobbing off Meera aunty with a dollar spray or thinking you have got uncles Ramesh, Raj and Mani thrilled by the battery-powered razors that were 70% off as a set and you tore the foil to make three separate gifts.

Actually, shopping has gone into reverse. Us Gulf types are the big shoppers back home, landing with half-empty suitcases and returning loaded with Made in India stuff. Way beyond 30kg per person. Way to go.

— Bikram Vohra in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Wooden plank from 'Titanic' sold for over $7,00,000

Dallas: A buyer had to pay 7,18,750 dollars for one of the most controversial wooden planks in cinematic history: the door frame panel that saved Rose's life in the 1997 film Titanic. Heritage Auctions announced the ornate piece of wood, sold as part of a Planet Hollywood movie memorabilia auction, fetched the ship-sinking sum after numerous bids.

The prop, made from balsa wood, was based on the "most famous complete piece of debris" salvaged from the real sinking of the Titanic in 1912, the auction house said. "Often mistakenly referred to as a door, the ornate structure was in reality part of the door frame just above the first-class lounge entrance," the item description reads. The auction house acknowledged the controversy surrounding the wooden plank.

Pet raccoon to be named Cadbury Bunny

Miami: This year's Cadbury Bunny is a raccoon named Louie, the first of his species to earn the title, the candy company said.

The company announced Louie the Raccoon, a 2-year-old pet from Miami, Fla., was the winner of the Cadbury Bunny Tryouts and will have a role in the 2025 Cadbury Bunny Tryouts commercial, an Easter tradition for the brand.

The raccoon won the hearts of voters on social media with his friendly face and his special skill: creating paintings to be sold to benefit wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centres.

"Each year, we look forward to crowning a new Cadbury Bunny, especially this year where we engaged fans in a new way through our bracket-style competition," said Natalie Shuntich, senior associate marketing manager at Cadbury's parent, The Hershey Co.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Common symptoms of UTIs include a strong, persistent urge to urinate, a burning sensation when urinating, passing frequent, small amounts of urine, cloudy or strong-smelling urine, and sometimes pelvic pain.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Lecture-demo on 'Ambabai's Life and Works' tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 30- Kalasuruchi and Devagitam Charitable Trust have jointly organised a lecture-demonstration on *Ambabai's Life and Works* by Dr. T.S. Sathyavathi and her disciples Ashwini Sathish and Lavanya Krishnamurthy and interaction with Dr. Shantha Nagaraj on Mar. 31 at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar here at 10.30 am.

Dr. Sathyavathi

Profile: Dr. T.S. Sathyavathi is a Karnatak classical vocalist and scholar of international repute. She is a child prodigy who got to present two compositions before the Maharani of Mysore at the tender age of two.

Having received training in vocal music from her sister Vidushi Vasantha Madhavi and the doyen of Karnatak music *Padma Bhushan* awardee Vidwan R.K. Srikantan, she is also trained in mridanga playing.

Dr. Sathyavathi has been enthralling audiences with her profound classicism, sound hold on rhythm and Laya and nuanced portrayal of sahitya. Her lecture-demonstrations are noteworthy for their educative value as well as eloquence of her speech.

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Yesterday's level **85.93 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,265.37 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,827.63 feet**
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Today's Outflow **765 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *A group of pugs is called a grumble.*
- *Greyhounds are the world's fastest dog breeds, with the ability to reach speeds of 45 miles per hour.*
- *Greyhounds run like cheetahs. They're one of the sleepiest dog breeds.*
- *Greyhounds are the only breed specifically mentioned in the Bible.*
- *Some greyhounds sleep with their eyes open.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Traffic Policeman: *When I saw you drive down that big street, I said to myself "sixty at least."*

Lady driver: *Oh, No, officer. It's just the dress that makes me look older!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.38**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 105.27**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.70**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 89.99**

VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic woes: An appeal to Nanjangud local administration

Sir,

The Rashtrapathi Road, one of the two main thoroughfares at the temple town of Nanjangud, is abuzz with vehicular traffic throughout the day, especially in the evenings; so much so that road-crossing literally turns a herculean task not only for the aged, but for youngsters too.

Cars and two-wheelers whiz past in series. Besides, two-wheelers are parked in front of shops all along, further shrinking the road width restricting the pedestrian movement.

This apart, push-cart eateries too dot the footpaths, especially in the evenings in front of Sadavidyasha factory (13th Cross) and opposite Mahalakshmi Sweets near 11th Cross.

People, unmindful of a basic civic sense, gather in groups around the eateries that add on to the misery. No doubt, Police patrol jeep visits once in a while alerting people (through mikes) to ensure decongestion but of no use.

Will the Nanjangud City Municipal Council (CMC) and Police Department look into this anomaly and take action to divert light motor vehicles (cars, jeeps) to the adjacent MGS Road, besides banning push-cart eateries?

—N. Devarajan
on e-mail
Nanjangud
25.3.2024

MCC workers start watering plants

In view of the soaring temperature, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) workers have started watering the plants across the city. Recently MCC workers were spotted watering plants on the roads in front of the Mysore Palace. Water is also being sprinkled on plants and shrubs along the medians and at spaces that have been beautified. Workers are utilising tankers from the Vani Vilas Water Works and are going around the city, to prevent further damage to the plants.

Apollo Hospitals conduct awareness on road safety and organ donation

Mysuru, Mar. 30 - To create awareness on the importance of wearing helmets, to mitigate road fatalities and to promote road safety, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, conducted an awareness programme in city recently.

As part of this initiative, the Hospital shed light on the alarming correlation between organ donations and accidents resulting from not wearing helmets.

By highlighting this crucial link, the hospital aims to emphasise the urgent need for widespread adoption of helmet usage to prevent avoidable tragedies on roads.

In a special event held at the Emergency Department of the Hospital, Apollo BGS Hospitals distributed 25 helmets free of cost to students and youths. The helmets were distributed by the Assistant Commissioner of Police.

Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, has extended its gratitude to Suyog Hospital, Mysuru, for the unwavering support in championing this noble cause.

KR Traffic Inspector H.P. Sharath Kumar, Sub-Inspector Mahaveer Bilagi, Chief Gastroenterologist & Head of Institute of Gastrosciences, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, Dr. Rajkumar P. Wadhwa, Chief Cardiologist and Head of Heart Institute Dr. Arun Srinivas, Chief Nephrologist and Kidney Transplant Physician Dr. Srinivas Nalloor, Consultant Liver Transplant Surgeons Dr. Jayanth Reddy and Dr. Sagar Narayan, Medical Superintendent Dr. Aman Naik and Consultant & In-charge of Department of Emergency Medicine Dr. Shivakumar B. Basavaradder were present.

Disruption in water supply on Mar. 31 and Apr. 1

Mysuru, Mar. 30- Due to quarterly maintenance works at KPTCL's 66/11 KV Doora Sub-Station, there will be disruption in water supply in the following areas on Mar. 31 and Apr. 1:

MCC Wards 42 to 51 (K.G. Koppal, Janathanagar, Sharadadevinagar, Dattagalli Third Stage, Kuvempunagar, Jayanagar, Lakshmipuram, Sunnadakeri, Agrahara) and MCC Ward Nos. 54 to 65 (Gunduraonagar, Chamundipuram, Krishnamurthypuram, Kuvempunagar CITB, Ramakrishnanagar, Kuvempunagar M-Block, Ashokapuram, parts of Vidyaranyapuram, Vishweshwaranagar, J.P. Nagar, Aravindnagar, Srirampura), according to a press release.

World Water Day held at Youth Hostel

Government Youth Hostel, Gangothri Layout, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, in collaboration with Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu, had recently organised "World Water Day" awareness programme in city which was inaugurated by Prof. Arasakumaran, Teaching Assistant, Alagappa University. Prof. Mumadiyappan was the chief guest. Dr. Prasad, Manager, Youth Hostel, presided.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Style Bazaar expo begins

Style Bazaar has organised Eid and Festive special designer and lifestyle exhibition today and tomorrow (Mar. 30 and 31) at Hotel Southern Star in city from 10 am to 9 pm. The expo includes decor, jewellery, luxury, bridal, western sarees, suits, lehengas, footwear, gown and a lot more. Entry is free.

Power disruption tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works at Doora Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: T. Katur, Marballi, Udbur, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, VV Mohalla Division.

National seminar

The Department of International Relations, Maharaja's College, in association with Cauvery Ayurveda Medical College, is organising a one-day national seminar on the topic 'University Connect Hub-Engaging Young Minds' at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus tomorrow. University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, former Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Dr. Seshadrichari, Member, IRS, New Delhi and R.S. Vasan of Tamil Nadu will take part.

Yadava Samudaya Bhavan inauguration

Yadava community seer Sri Krishnayadavananda Swamiji will inaugurate the Yadava Samudaya Bhavan and Sri Gopalaswamy temple built in the Mysore Yadava (Gollara) Sangha premises located on Dewan's Road, at 10.30 am tomorrow (Mar. 31). Karnataka Yadava Sangha President D.T. Srinivas will be the chief guest while former Mysuru Mayor D. Dhruvakumar will preside.

Free Gynaecology camp from Apr. 1

Suyog Hospital, Ramakrishnanagar, has organised a free week-long Gynaecology camp at its premises from Apr. 1 to 6. Women suffering from Gynaecological problems can make use of this camp. For registration and details, contact Ph: 0821-2533600 or 99863-99862.

Complaints through c-VIGIL app

Mysuru ZP CEO and District SVEEP Nodal Officer K.M. Gayathri, in a press release, has said that the public can register Lok Sabha elections-2024 related complaints through c-VIGIL app.

Cash transfers from single account to multiple accounts under scanner

Expenditure Observer Yogeesh Mishra (second from left), Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj inspecting Supervisory Cell of District Election Expenditure in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (BS&BCT)- Innovative methods, such as the transfer of funds through the banking system have been identified by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in previous instances, prompting proactive measures to curb the utilisation of black money during elections.

In preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha election, the Income Tax Department is closely monitoring the movement of black money within Constituencies. To facilitate this effort, banks have been instructed to provide daily reports on cash withdrawals to election officials.

For the Mysuru-Kodagu LS segment, Yogeesh Mishra, serving as the Expenditure Observer for Chamundeshwari, Narasimharaja, Chamaraja and Krishnaraja Constituencies, has directed officers to vigilantly monitor and submit daily expenditure reports of the candidates.

Addressing a meeting of officers and staff from the teams of Assistant Expenditure Observers of the four Constituencies at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mishra emphasised the necessity of rigorous scrutiny of all bank transactions.

He highlighted the importance of conducting daily verifications to identify any suspicious transactions, transfers exceeding Rs. 10 lakh and transfers from a single account to more than 10 accounts.

"The Flying Squad Team (FST), Static Surveillance Team (SST), Video Viewing Team (VVT) and other teams assigned for election duty must uphold their responsibilities and ensure that candidates adhere to the Election Commission's regulations," added Mishra.

He further directed the officers to escalate any confusion to senior officers for resolution.

The elections should not be influenced by financial power but should instead be conducted in a transparent and equitable manner. Inspections at check-posts should be intensified to prevent the unauthorised transportation of money and other items without proper documentation.

Officers and staff deployed for managing poll expenses at every Assembly Constituency level should collaborate effectively, he said.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer and Returning Officer, provided an overview of the various teams assigned for election duties in the district, along with information about officers and check-posts.

Following the meeting, the Expenditure Observer visited the Supervisory Cell of the District Election Expenditure and the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee to inspect the arrangements.

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and District SVEEP Nodal Officer K.M. Gayathri, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj and other district-level officers were present.

Young voters reminded of their electoral duty

A student of Government First Grade College, H.D. Kote, taking part in youth voter awareness yesterday as Assistant Electoral Officer Kumuda Sharath and other officials look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (BCT)- In a bid to uphold the democratic principles of free and fair elections, Kumuda Sharath, Assistant Electoral Officer, passionately rallied the youths to exercise their voting rights conscientiously in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections slated for April 26.

Addressing a gathering of enthusiastic students at the Government First Grade College, H.D. Kote, she emphasised the pivotal role of the youths in shaping the nation's future through their active participation in the electoral process.

The youth voter awareness at the college was a proactive initiative as many young voters, who had registered at the taluk level Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Committee office for the Lok Sabha elections 2024, were sensitised and mobilised through a signature campaign.

Spearheaded by S.P. Dharanesh, Taluk Chief Executive Officer and President of the Taluk SVEEP Committee, the event witnessed fervent appeals to the youths to become torch-bearers of democracy by casting their votes judiciously, devoid of any external influence or coercion.

The voters were made aware of the multiple mobile applications released by the Election Commission for voter convenience and voter information. Among them is the Voter Helpline App where voters can seek information about their polling booths.

Echoing enthusiasm, Shilpa, a first-time voter, articulated the significance of her new-found electoral responsibility, underscoring the inclusive vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who extended the right to vote to all sections of society.

She expressed her eagerness and determination to contribute to the democratic process, recognising the transformative power vested in the hands of the youths.

Amidst fervent calls for active engagement in the electoral journey, the event witnessed youths pledging their commitment to vote, symbolised by the formation of a human chain and the collection of signatures.

Taluk official K. Rangaswamy, College Vice-Principal Arun, staff and students united in their resolve to uphold the democratic ethos and shape the destiny of the nation.

Star campaigners in Karnataka: Modi, Amit Shah, Yogi Adityanath

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (KMS&VNS)- With less than a month remaining until polling day on April 26, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is revving up for a series of massive public rallies across various parts of Karnataka.

The lineup of star campaigners set to grace the State includes Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath, among others.

Under an election pact, leaders from both the BJP and JD(S) will share the spotlight in public rallies throughout the State. Former PM H.D. Deve Gowda and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy are slated to accompany PM Modi during rallies scheduled in Mysuru, Bangalore Rural and Hassan districts.

Additionally, PM Modi is anticipated to address a public rally in either Chikkaballapur or Dakshina Kannada district. Collaborating with JD(S) leaders, PM Modi will campaign for NDA candidates contesting in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts.

During the rally in Bangalore Rural, PM Modi will not only campaign for the party's candidate but also throw his support behind candidates from various Constituencies in Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, JD(S) Supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda is anticipated to join PM Modi for rallies in the Udupi-Chikkamagalur and Tumkur Constituencies.

Sharing the stage with PM Modi during these rallies will be former Chief Minister and BJP Parliamentary Board member B.S. Yediyurappa, along with former CM and JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy.

The campaign will witness the participation of Central Ministers and BJP national leaders in the public rallies. Alongside PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP National President J.P. Nadda and State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra will address the gathering. The BJP High Command has also instructed Vijayendra and Kumaraswamy to conduct joint meetings of both BJP and JD(S) party workers ahead of the filing of nomination papers.

Mandi Police conduct route march

Ahead of Lok Sabha Polls scheduled on Apr. 26 in Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency, Mandi Police along with Paramilitary personnel led by Mandi Police Inspector Vivekananda conducted a route march in city this morning. The route march passed through Old RMC Circle, Mission Hospital Road, Benki Nawab Road, Akbar Road, Irwin Road before culminating on Sayyaji Rao Road coming under Mandi Police limits.

SWR Mysuru Division
celebrates 68th Railway Week

Mysuru, Mar. 30- The Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) celebrated 68th Railway Week Awards Ceremony on Mar. 29 at the Chamundi Officers Club in Yadavagiri.

Shilpi Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), presented awards to outstanding employees for their exceptional performance during the fiscal year 2022-2023.

A total of 22 diligent staff members were honoured with individual awards for their exemplary contributions.

In her address, Shilpi Agarwal highlighted the division's achievements for the year 2023-24. Notably, the division received efficiency shields in categories such as Electrical, Mechanical, Inter-divisional Rajbhasha and Scrap performance, along with recognition for key performance indices.

Mysuru Railway Station was acknowledged as the best-maintained Major Station, while Bageshpura Railway Station received the distinction of being the best-maintained Minor Station across the SWR network during the Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar held at the headquarters in Hubballi in January earlier this year, she said.

Furthermore, seven employees of the Mysuru Division were commended and awarded for their meritorious service at the Zonal level during the Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar ceremony.

Key performance highlights for fiscal year 2023-24 until Feb. 2024 include: **1.** Achieving an overall and highest ever freight loading of 10.503 Million Tonnes, marking a significant increase of 9.083% compared to the previous year (surpassing the previous full financial year's highest of 9.549 MT).

2. Record-breaking freight earnings of Rs. 907.91 crore, surpassing the previous year's highest earnings; surpassing the previous full financial year's highest earning of Rs. 897.28 crore a month in advance and its highest-ever overall revenue of Rs.1,330.17 crores; surpassing the previous full financial year's highest of Rs. 1,304.91 crore in just 334 days.

3. Transporting 30.47 Million Passengers upto February 2024, reflecting a 5.10% increase from the previous year.

4. Electrification of 342.8 RKM (Route Kilometres) out of the targeted 395 RKM across the division.

The SWR Mysuru Division also saw significant progress in human resources, with numerous appointments, promotions and settlements being facilitated.

Shilpi Agarwal also emphasised the division's commitment to maintaining cordial industrial relations with organised labour, ensuring smooth operations for freight and passenger services.

The South Western Railway Women's Welfare Organisation was acknowledged for its efforts in promoting social welfare activities for Railway employees and their families.

The DRM encouraged all employees to continue striving for excellence and assured recognition for their dedication and hard work.

The event was attended by Additional Divisional Railway Managers Vinayak Nayak and E. Vijaya, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer Vishnu Gouda and other branch officers of the Mysuru Division.

Congress leaders call on
Ch.Nagar BJP MP Prasad

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (SBD&BS)- Various Congress leaders including Social Welfare and Mysuru District Incharge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and Minister for Animal Husbandry and Chamarajanagar District Incharge K. Venkatesh called on Chamarajanagar BJP MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad at the latter's residence in Jayalakshmipuram in the city on Thursday.

They held talks with the veteran leader who recently announced his retirement from politics, for about 40 minutes.

Gundlupet MLA H.M. Ganesh Prasad, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Mysuru District Rural Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City Congress Committee President R. Murthy, Mysuru-Kodagu Congress Lok Sabha candidate M. Lakshmana were among the leaders who met Prasad.

Speaking to media persons later, Dr. Mahadevappa said "I was deeply pained to learn through media that Prasad who has a vast experience of 50 years in politics has announced his retirement from electoral politics. However he should continue to guide others and do social activities. Hence, we met him and enquired about his health."

Prasad said "Like every other leaders, even Congress leaders have met me. However, I won't support anybody politically as I have quit politics. My fans will decide on their own. Even BJP and BSP leaders have met me recently and now it is the turn of Congress leaders. It is natural that everybody will seek support and please don't attach any significance to it. However, the BJP High Command has not discussed with me over the matters regarding ticket."

Sunil Bose, Congress candidate from Chamarajanagar (SC Reserve) Lok Sabha seat also met Prasad.

Voting awareness by drawing Rangoli

Mysuru, Mar. 30- Women took part in voting awareness by drawing Rangoli in front of Lakshminarayanaswamy temple in the village. Women of various Self-Help Groups and others drew colourful Rangolis and also voting awareness slogans, organised by Debur Gram Panchayat (GP), Nanjangud taluk, to create awareness about voting among the villagers.

Taluk Executive Officer Poornima said that every vote of people above 18 years of age is invaluable and called upon voters to exercise their Constitutional rights without fail. She also advised people to register any complaint with respect to election through c-VIGIL app. She later distributed prizes to women who had drawn good Rangoli.

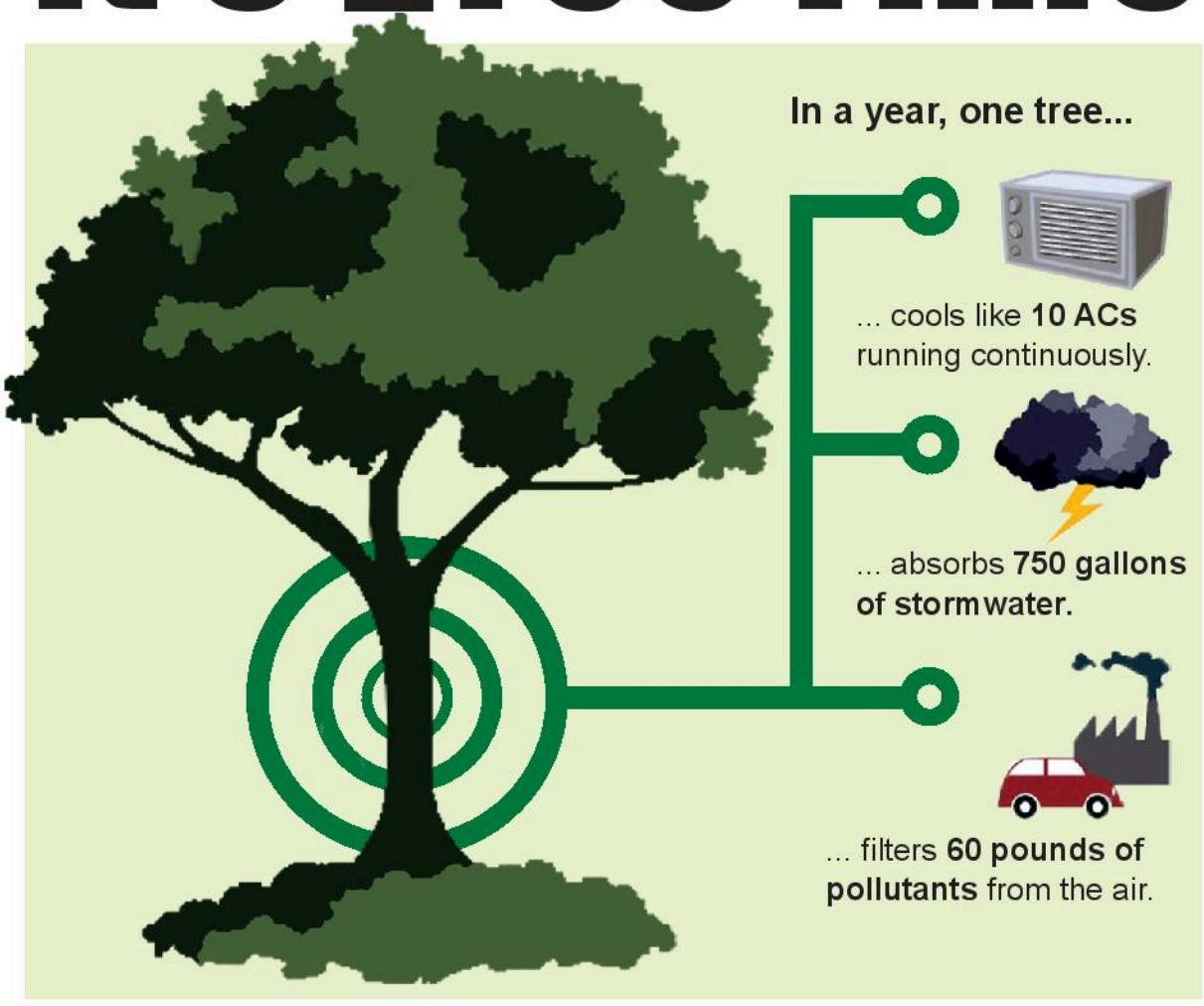
After the stage programme, all women, villagers, GP staff and leaders of Debur village took out a jatha with Voting Campaign Vehicle to emphasise the importance of voting.

Taluk SVEEP Committee members, National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) taluk program managers Divya, Sanjeevini, Community Supervisors Harish, GP Development Officer Somashekar were present.

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

It's Too Hot ? It's Tree Time


In a year, one tree...
... cools like 10 ACs running continuously.
... absorbs 750 gallons of stormwater.
... filters 60 pounds of pollutants from the air.

Our city is getting hotter with every passing year. As temperatures soared yesterday, the Karnataka Government advised citizens to turn into camels: *"Drink sufficient water whenever possible, even if you are NOT thirsty."*

But where is the water to drink when our cities are as dry as a desert? Instead of just issuing some orders from their AC chambers in Vidhana Soudha, shouldn't the Government authorities get their hands dirty and plant some 'green guardians' to fight this heat wave for the long haul?

It has been confirmed that trees are the only way to scuttle urban heat waves. Yet, our Government doesn't do much to that end.

In 2013, scientists ran a simple experiment in Bengaluru. They compared stretches of roads with and without trees. It was found that the road stretches lined with trees had much lower surface and ambient air temperature. Of course, no one was surprised, but…

But what was surprising, though, is how much the temperature was reduced. The difference in road surface temperature was 21.5 degrees! The highest road surface temperature recorded in a segment with no trees was 55 degrees, while the segment with tree cover was 33.5 degrees.

Scientists at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), in 2017, using Satellite imagery from 1973 to 2017, showed that there has been an 88 percent decline in green spaces in Bengaluru.

The same report warned that by 2020, only 2.96 percent of the green cover will remain in Bengaluru and added that in the future, this would make the *"region greenhouse gas-rich, water scarce and unliveable, depriving the city dwellers of clean air, water and environment."* It's come true.

Yet a reply to an RTI query revealed that the Bangalore Development Authority had not planted a single tree for two years, from 2017 to 2019, while simultaneously giving approvals for numerous layouts !

As more and more layouts are developed, more trees will be cut and Mysuru, like Bengaluru, is bound to get hotter.

It is the right time to make a case for turning large parks with garish statues, amateurish animal figurines and gaudy fountains into an urban forest with walking paths and ponds.

Mysuru, in 2021, had a forward-thinking officer — Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, who had said that his Department had a blueprint for increasing green cover and even had planned urban forests within the city.

This urban forest concept was implemented on a small scale behind Cheluvamba Park at Vontikoppal. The Forest Department also identified Lalithadrinagar, KSRTC Layout, Vijayanagar 4th Stage and J.P. Nagar as areas with the potential to nurture urban forests. Dr. Prashanth Kumar left, and with him, the urban forest project.

The issue with us is that we constantly find a 'workaround' to a problem instead of demanding that our Governments solve the problem once and for all.

Let us start with water. Just a few decades ago, in the early 1990s, almost no one knew what a 'submersible pump' was. We all had an overhead tank to which MCC would provide a direct connection and a water meter, and we would have a steady supply of decently clean water.

Then, MCC's water supply became erratic and the tax-paying middle class did not have time to protest, so we invested in 'Plan B' — a sump tank.

Today, every other house has a sump tank to store water apart from the overhead tank. Some of us even have a borewell and now we are all very familiar with the term 'submersible pump.'

Same with electricity. Earlier, people knew only three words related to electricity — transformer, short circuit and fuse. When the Government failed to give us consistent and steady electricity, instead of protesting, we just invested in 'Plan B' — inverters.

Today, every other house has an inverter and we are all familiar with terms like KVA, distilled water, battery leads, etc.

It is the same regarding other essential aspects of urban Indian life, even basic ones like education, roads, hospitals and drinking water.

Government schools are bad, no problem, we've got 'Plan B' — private schools.

Bad roads, no problem, go to 'Plan B' — extended warranty on our vehicles.

Government Hospitals are inhospitable, no problem, go to 'Plan B' — private hospitals.

No clean drinking water in public space, no problem, go to 'Plan B'— Bisleri.

Now our cities are hot and instead of demanding Government-run afforestation programmes and reviving the Mysuru Urban Forest programme, we have a 'Plan B' — air conditioners. Ironically, keeping us cool while making our city hotter.

Air conditioners were unheard of in Mysuru just 20 years ago. Today, it's in our cars, in our offices and in our homes. The use of air conditioners has grown at the same rate as the rise of layouts all around the city.

So, Mysuru needs some serious 'greening up' before it becomes an unliveable 'oven' like Bengaluru.

To do that, we can start by calling our local Corporators and demanding tree planting in our area.

Next, we must support 'pragmatic' NGOs that push for greenery and keep at bay irrational tree-hugger NGOs; they usually miss the woods for the trees and end up creating more news and nuisance than planting trees.

It's time to turn the heat on the Government to cool down our cities before we all melt into puddles of sweat and regret.

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60 AI-based cameras on Expressway by April end

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Additional Director General of Police (ADGP-Traffic & Road Safety) Alok Kumar held a meeting on Mar. 28 in Bengaluru with Karnataka NHAI Officers, Regional Officers and Project Directors. The meeting discussed strategies to improve road safety measures on various National Highways including Bengaluru-Mysuru, Bengaluru-Dindigul, Bengaluru-Belgaum, Bengaluru-Mangaluru and Mangaluru-Karwar.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Alok Kumar stated that the NHAI is gearing up to deploy 60 ANPR cameras at various strategic points along the Expressway by the end of April, to enhance road safety. He highlighted that stringent enforcement of speed limits and penalties for violators has already led to a significant reduction in accident rates.

In the first week of February, NHAI approved the deployment of ANPR cameras at six additional locations, allocating Rs. 3.63 crore for this purpose. These cameras are specifically designed to capture various traffic violations such as overspeeding, lane discipline breaches, wrong side movements, and the actions of two and three-wheelers, among other infractions.

To execute this initiative, Tecsidel India Pvt. Ltd, based in Gurugram, Haryana, has been entrusted with the task of providing the Video Incident Detection and Enforcement System (VIDES). Currently, ANPR cameras have been installed near Amaravathi Hotel, situated close to Ummadahalli Gate, approximately 93 kilometres from Bengaluru.

Rs. 688-crore tendered work

NHAI's Bengaluru Regional Officer Vilas P. Brahmankar informed Alok Kumar that NHAI is actively addressing safety concerns through various civil works initiatives. Specifically, efforts are being made to install signboards and crash barriers near Maddur in Mandya and Channapatna in Ramanagara, particularly in areas where road undulations pose increased risks of road accidents.

Brahmankar emphasised that NHAI is committed to continually assessing the accident and safety situation along the road and will implement necessary changes accordingly. Additionally, NHAI is undertaking the construction of underpasses and foot-over bridges to facilitate local movement, as part of the ongoing Rs. 688-crore tendered work.

Missing mother-son from city murdered

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BEFRIENDING ON FACEBOOK

According to Vijayapura SP Rishikesh Sonawane, Sagar had initially befriended Shruthi on Facebook. However, suspicion regarding her character led Sagar to invite her to Vijayapura, arranging accommodation for her and her son Rohan at Four Way Lodge on Sindagi Road.

During their stay at the lodge, a heated argument erupted between the couple over a trivial matter. In a fit of rage, Sagar strangulated Shruthi with a belt. Tragically, as Rohan witnessed the murder, Sagar made the decision also to end the young boy's life.

Subsequently, with the assistance of Laxmikant Kumbar, Sagar disposed of the victims' bodies by stuffing them into two bags and discarding them in a well located in Siddhapur, Tikota taluk in Vijayapura, near the border with Maharashtra, the SP said.

ACCUSED STAYED IN MYSURU

According to the Police investigation, Sagar Nayak Lamani had been residing in Mysuru for a period of time doing odd jobs and selling pani puri on streets and had initially connected with Shruthi on Facebook. Their acquaintance gradually blossomed into a romantic relationship and became intimately involved.

However, cracks began to surface in their relationship as Lamani grew suspicious of Shruthi's interactions with others. Eventually, Lamani returned to Vijayapura but maintained communication with Shruthi online.

As Shruthi was pestering him to marry her, Sagar Lamani extended an invitation for her to visit Vijayapura. Consequently, on March 13, 2023, Shruthi travelled to Vijayapura along with her son with dreams of marriage and settling down in Vijayapura along with Rohan.

Lamani had arranged accommodation for them at the lodge on Sindagi Road, where they stayed during their visit. Lamani frequently visited the lodge, and it was during one such visit that a heated altercation ensued between him and Shruthi, ultimately resulting in the double murder.

UNSOLVED CASE

After the murder, Sagar Lamani and Laxmikant Kumbar packed Shruthi's body in the luggage bag that she carried from Mysuru and packed Rohan's body in another bag after emptying the bag's contents in a canal. They dumped the bags in the well at Siddhapura after carrying the bodies in an SUV.

The bags containing their remains were discovered floating in the well on Mar. 19, 2023. Despite the bodies being highly decomposed and unidentifiable, the Tikota Police initiated an investigation. However, due to insufficient evidence, the case remained unsolved.

MISSING PERSON COMPLAINT

In February of this year, family members of Shruthi filed a missing person report at the Udayagiri Police Station. Promptly, the Police disseminated this information to all Police Stations and the Udayagiri Police enquired about unidentified dead bodies in Vijayapura.

Upon noticing striking similarities between this missing person case and the double murder in Vijayapura, the Udayagiri Police reached out to the Vijayapura Rural Police to verify the details. Subsequently, it was confirmed that the items listed as missing from Mysuru, as reported in the missing person complaint, were discovered in Vijayapura, along with the bodies of the woman and the boy.

This revelation further solidified the connection between the two cases and the victims were identified. Subsequently, Shruthi's relatives identified the bodies and the belongings. Later, tracking the call record details (CDR), the Vijayapura Police zeroed in on Sagar Lamani who confessed to the crime during intense interrogation and revealed the name of his accomplice.

Sringeri Seer to visit temple

Mysuru, Mar. 30- Sringeri Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekara Bharati Sannidhanam will be visiting Sri Chidambareshwara Swamy temple located on Dhanvantri road in the city at 5.30 pm on Apr. 2.

The devotees are appealed to take part in large numbers and seek the blessings of the Seer.

For more details, call Mob: 99455-97258 or 94480-87795, according to a press release.

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Narendra Modi Stadium,
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DC Vs **CSK**
ACA–VDCA Cricket Stadium,
Visakhapatnam — **7.30 pm**

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Obituary

Sharadamma

Mysuru, Mar. 30- Sharadamma (84), wife of late Paramashivaiah and a resident of Navilu road in Kuvempunagar, passed away here yesterday. She leaves behind a son, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were conducted at Veerashaiva Burial grounds in Vidyaranyapuram today.

Savithri

Savithri (65), a resident of Dattanagar on Ooty road in the city, passed away here yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband Hanumanthappa, daughters Kavitha and Shwetha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hills this afternoon.

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Date : 30.03.2024, Place : Mysore

Home Guards are backbone of Police Department: Addl. SP Dr. Nandini

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (SBD&VNS)- "Home Guards have been working as a backbone of Police Department," said Additional SP Dr. B.N. Nandini, here yesterday.

Speaking at the valedictory of training programme organised for the Home Guards at DAR Convention Hall in Jyothinagar, she hailed the services of Home Guards, Fire and Civil Defence personnel.

"Both Police and Home Guards wear khaki. Irrespective of the department, safeguarding the department and individual pride is most important along with imbibing qualities of discipline and dedication. After donning khaki, it is important to maintain discipline as people will be observing our behaviour. A small mistake could prove costly in the era of social media," she said.

Later, certificates were distributed to candidates selected as Home Guards. A total of 147 candidates have been selected as Home Guards in the first batch. The department also welcomed second batch of 142 candidates for the training.

Writer Prof. N.R. Shivaram, District Home Guards Hon. Commandant Dr. M. Kantharaju, Trainer M.R. Chandan, Asst. Trainer S. Manjunath, Assistant Administrative Officer M.N. Vishwanath, Unit Officers and others were present.

"Rashtriya Yogotsava" held in city

Mysuru, Mar. 30- In connection with the forthcoming International Day of Yoga-2024 with the theme '*Yoga in Action: Youth for Nation,*' a curtain raiser event titled 'Rashtriya Yogotsava -2024' was organised by GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru in association with the Ministry of AYUSH, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga and Sri Vedavyasa Yoga Pratisthana, Mysuru on Mar. 27 at M. Govinda Rao Memorial Hall, GSSSIETW, KRS Road, Mysuru.

Standing from left: ***R.K Bharath, Board member & CEO, GSSS, Dr. K. Raghavendra Pai, Secretary, Vedavyasa Yoga Pratisthana, Mysuru, Dr. M.A. Alwar, Professor, Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysuru and Dr. Rajendra R. Patil, Professor and Head, Department of ECE during inauguration of "Rashtriya Yogotsava-2024." Picture right shows students performing yoga.***

Rashtriya Yogotsava-2024 was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. M.A. Alwar, Professor, Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysuru.

Addressing the students, Dr. Alwar stressed on the need of practicing yoga for physical and mental well-being. He also spoke about the wellness of yoga and how it has become world famous.

He urged the young generation to know the benefits of Patanjali yoga sutra to overcome anxiety and depression which has become common these days.

Dr. K. Raghavendra Pai, Secretary, Vedavyasa Yoga Pratisthana, lauded the efforts of late Maharaja of Mysore, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar who had introduced yoga in the Mysore Palace with the assistance of Krishnamachari who taught yogasana at Jaganmohan Palace. Since then Mysore is known as the Ashtanga Yoga capital of the world, he added.

R.K. Bharath, Board member and CEO, GSSS, Mysuru, presided. Dr. Rajendra R. Patil, Professor and HoD, ECE and HoDs of various departments were present.

More than 100 students and staff of GSSS explored the 'Mysore Yoga Tradition' through exhibitions and also viewed advanced yoga postures.

Medals were given medals by Dr. Raghavendra Pai as a token of appreciation, according to a press release from S.S. Caveramma, Principal.

Utkrushta Inter-Collegiate T20 Bash

Sapient College emerge winners

Sapient College cricket team posing with the winners' trophy. Picture right shows runners up SBRR Mahajana First Grade College team.

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (VNS) - All round performance by Aryan Kaveriappa (47 and 3/21) helped city's Sapient College to emerge victorious in Utkrushta Inter-Collegiate T20 Bash defeating SBRR Mahajana First Grade College in the finals held at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri, here recently.

Winning the toss and electing to bat first, Sapient were all out for 149 runs in 20 overs. Aryan Kaveriappa (47) and Prajwal (39) contributed with the bat while Sibtain Ali picked up five wickets for Mahajana College.

In reply, Mahajana First Grade College could only score 122 for the loss of eight wickets in 20 overs. S.U. Karthik (46) contributed with the bat to Mahajana while K. Gourav and Aryan Kaveriappa scalped three wickets each. With this win, Sapient College team has qualified to take part in the Inter-Collegiate Champions Trophy to be held in Bengaluru later.

Man of the Final: Aryan Kaveriappa (Sapient College); **Best Batter:** S.U. Karthik (SBRR Mahajana FGC); **Best Bowler:** Sibtain Ali (SBRR Mahajana FGC); **Man of the Series:** S.U. Karthik (SBRR Mahajana FGC).

Mysuru-Kodagu BJP, Congress campaign trail

Yaduveer to give due priority to agri, tourism potentials of Mysuru-Kodagu

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (MK & BS)- Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, BJP candidate for the Lok Sabha elections from Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency has said he will give due priority for agriculture and tourism potentials of the Constituency.

He was speaking during an interaction 'Yuva Samvada' organised by BJP City and District Yuva Morcha at Adi Shakti Bandantamma Kalamma Temple premises, at Kuvempunagar in the city yesterday.

"While Mysuru is known for cultivation of crops like Ragi, Cotton, Paddy among others, Kodagu is known for growing Coffee, Pepper and Orange, making both the districts largely dependent on agriculture, besides being a tourism hub. I am committed to develop both the districts in terms of agriculture and tourism by drawing related plans, which needs your co-operation and support," Yaduveer said.

To a query from a party worker over whether the Maharaja will step out of the comforts of Palace, Yaduveer said "If one takes a look at the style of functioning of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the way he has been laying emphasis on promoting indigenous products, be it a Palace or house, anybody will have a strong desire to step out and work. It is our duty also, as I have taken a political plunge after deriving inspiration from PM Modi. The period of rule of Wadiyars was considered as Golden era in this part of Mysuru. Similarly, the Golden era should be re-established during the tenure of PM Modi."

He also clarified that barring the bedroom at Palace which is equipped with Air-Condition (AC), there are no such comforts as one visualises after seeing the behemoth structure of Palace from outside. Like a commoner, we are also vegetarians and food style is firmly rooted with the culture of Mysuru, added Yaduveer.

Earlier, Yaduveer offered *puja* at the temple of Goddess Chamundeshwari at KG Koppal in the city. Later Yaduveer took out a road show till Bandantamma Kalamma Temple premises. BJP Yuva Morcha workers greeted Yaduveer with a garland made of Badam, dry fruit.

Former DyCM Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and City BJP President L. Nagendra, BJP City Yuva Morcha President Kiran Gowda were present.

M. Lakshmana offers special puja at Hill Temple

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (VNS)- Congress candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency M. Lakshmana officially launched his campaigning for the upcoming polls after offering special *puja* to Goddess Chamundeshwari atop Chamundi Hill on Thursday.

Later, speaking to the mediapersons, he said on being elected as an MP he would work towards making Mysuru-Kodagu a model Constituency by improving tourism and creating jobs in IT sector.

"The Congress in the State has fulfilled the five guarantees promised prior to the Assembly polls. Pamphlets printed with information about Congress party's 10 out of 20 promises will be distributed to the public," added Lakshmana.

Stating that the Congress State Government had reserved Rs. 36,000 crore for the implementation of guarantee schemes this year, Lakshmana said Rs. 52,000 crore has been earmarked for the guarantee schemes next year.

"The Vokkaliga community, which had supported Prathap Simha for 10 years, should also provide me an opportunity to serve them," said the Congress candidate.

Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City Congress President R. Murthy, MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, leaders H.V. Rajeev, B.M. Ramu and others were present.

'My victory will be a befitting honour to Siddaramaiah'

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (MTY&VNS)- Congress candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency M. Lakshmana requested the Congress party leaders and workers to work for his victory in the ensuing polls as a respect to CM Siddaramaiah, who had implemented all five guarantee schemes, here yesterday.

Addressing the office-bearers of Mysuru District and City Congress Committee and Minority Cell during a meeting held at District Congress Bhavan, Lakshmana said CM Siddaramaiah during his previous tenure as Chief Minister had implemented welfare programmes such as *Ksheera Bhagya, Anna Bhagya, Vidyasiri, Manaswini* among others apart from constructing Jayadeva Hospital, District Hospital and Trauma Care Centre in Mysuru.

"In his current tenure, the poor, middle class and other communities have been benefited through the five guarantee schemes," he said and added that Siddaramaiah was disappointed twice after the party candidates lost the two previous Lok Sabha elections from Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency.

Lakshmana said people of the constituency must decide whether they want a common man as their representative or a person who lives in the Palace.

Sculptor Arun Yogiraj felicitated at Ram Mandir in city

Mysuru, Mar. 30 (MK & BS)- Shankara Jayanti Sabha and Saraswatipuram Kannada Geleyara Balaga have pledged their support to Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, BJP candidate for the Lok Sabha election from Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency.

They announced their support at a programme organised to felicitate Wadiyar along with Sculptor Arun Yogiraj who sculpted Ram Lalla (Balak Ram) idol installed at Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir, on the premises of Ram Mandir at Tengina Topu on second main, Saraswathipuram in the city yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, former Mayor R. Lingappa said "It is our prime duty to support Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar who has entered politics with an intent to work like a commoner. We should resolve to ensure his victory and every resident of Saraswathipuram should volunteer to vote in favour of Yaduveer."

Yaduveer said,"The Maharajas of Mysuru have contributed in their own ways to conserve Kannada language along with the tradition."

Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Vangipura Nambi Mutt, Melukote, former Corporator C. Vedavathi and others were present.

'B' Form issued to Lakshmana

Deputy CM and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D.K. Shivakumar issued 'B' Form to M. Lakshmana, Congress party candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency in Bengaluru, yesterday.

Lakshmana will be filing his nomination papers on Apr. 3 at 1 pm in Mysuru. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, DyCM D.K. Shivakumar, KPCC Working President and MLA Tanveer Sait, Mysuru District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and others will be present.

The Congress party is leaving no stone unturned to ensure the victories of its candidates in both Chamarajanagar and Mysuru-Kodagu Constituencies.

WORD OF THE DAY

Auxiliary

Pronunciation: awg-ZILL-yuh-ree (Adjective)
Meaning: In general use, auxiliary describes someone or something available to provide extra help, power, etc., when it is needed. In linguistics, an auxiliary verb (also called a "helping verb") is used with another verb to do things like show a verb's tense or form a question. In nautical contexts, auxiliary can describe a sailboat equipped with a supplementary inboard engine, or a vessel that provides supplementary assistance to other ships.
Origin: What would we do if you sang out of tune — would we stand up and walk out on you? Not likely! Instead, we would provide auxiliary harmonies, joining our voices with yours in support. And if you need a little help from your friends in understanding the meaning of auxiliary, we're here for that, too — just lend us your ears. Auxiliary, which comes from the Latin noun auxilium, meaning "aid," "assistance," or "reinforcement," is used in a wide range of capacities in English to describe a person or thing that assists another. A fire department may bring in auxiliary units, for example, to battle a tough blaze, or a sailboat may be equipped with an auxiliary engine to supply propulsion when the wind disappears. In grammar, an auxiliary verb assists another (main) verb to express person, number, mood, or tense, such as have in "They have now been informed about the meaning of auxiliary." Isn't auxiliary fab?
Example: "The popular museum on the National Mall — and its auxiliary Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia — have hundreds of objects on display having to do with flight on Earth, but this will be the first having to do with autonomous flight on another planet." — Roger Catlin, Smithsonian Magazine, 2 Feb. 2024

THE ODD WORD

Ballyrag

To bully or annoyingly tease someone.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Break the Bank

Meaning: To lose all of your money
Origin: Not surprisingly, the origin of the phrase "Break the bank" is financial. Scholars believe the term "break the bank" originated sometime around 1600, when gamblers won more money than the house (bank) could afford to pay. Some place the term's origin closer to 1873, when a roulette playing Englishman named Joseph Jagger won $350,000 (a huge sum for the day) at Monte Carlo.
Example: Having the ocean-view apartment without breaking the bank is the dream.

QUOTE BOX

Avoid popularity; it has many snares, and no real benefit. **—William Penn**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Tuna fish.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Multi-Mode receiver
4 Pedestal part
8 Fr. holy title
11 Slim battery type
12 Longing to scratch
14 Advanced degree
15 ___ hat : modern soldier's helmet?
16 Soul
17 Aircraft-On-Ground
18 Set in rows
20 Cheerful
22 Soft food for infants
24 RK Studio's 1948 offering?
25 __ out : protrudes outward?
28 Impudence
30 Types of trees
34 Sugar suffix ?
35 Smartphone program
36 US soldiers
37 Tub for soaking
39 Designer's monogram
40 Detest or abhor
41 Electronic Instrument Sys.
43 Biblical high priest
45 Physical strength
48 Shock greatly
52 Direct a gun
53 Battle area of 1346
57 India's real-time payment system
58 Rsrv. Bk. of India
59 Hearty pull
60 Martial arts great Bruce ___
61 Opp. of WNW
62 Cat's noise
63 Mormons gp.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	A	G	■	S	A	F	E	■	I	P	A	D
A	L	E	■	P	I	G	S	■	M	E	M	O
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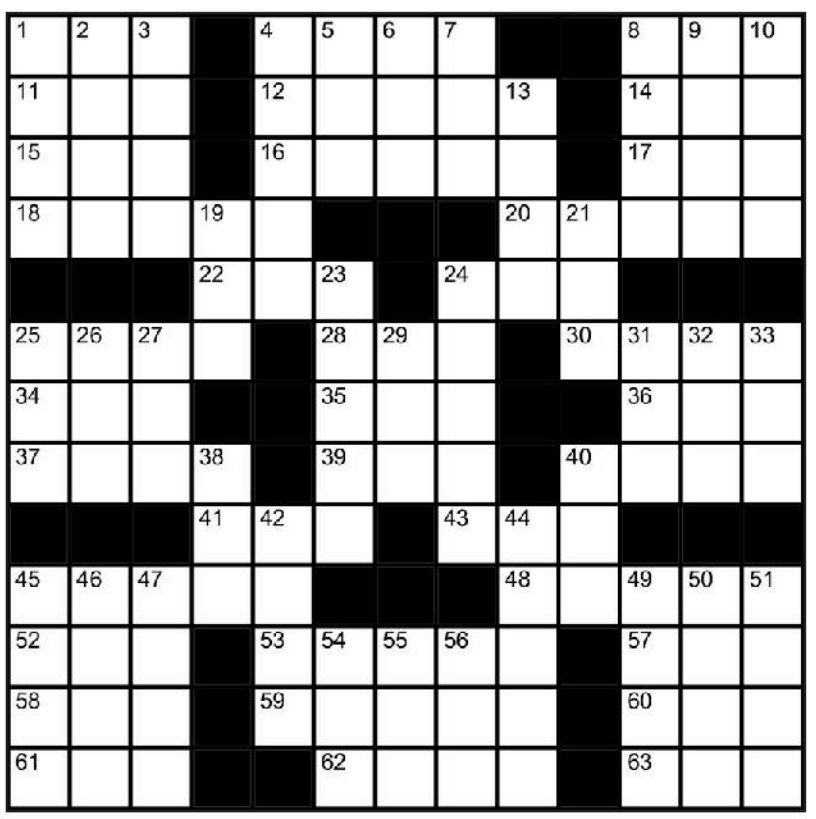
DOWN
1 ____ Hari : famous spy?
2 Letters
3 Indian queen
4 Phantom's wife ___ Palmer
5 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
6 601 in Roman numerals
7 Resistance unit
8 Part of a ship's rigging
9 God of thunder
10 Ill at ease
13 Hindu God of death
19 Family doctors in short?
21 Self-esteem
23 Dramas
24 A popular fruit
25 Out of ___ : unemployed
26 In short, the Yankee country?
27 Vietnamese New Year
29 Internet addresses
31 Turk VIP
32 Set of tools
33 Compass direction
38 Chop or cut down
40 Trendy or fashionable
42 Small measure
44 Stratum
45 Without decoration
46 Curved bones?
47 Female friend from France?
49 Tug
50 Copied
51 Fibs or untruths
54 Agent
55 Water in France
56 Cockpit Voice Recorder



SUDOKU

2	1						9	4
				8				
			6		9			
6	2		4		7		8	3
8		7				6		5
1	3		8		6		4	7
			9		4			
				2				
7	9						5	1

Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	8	4	9	5	6	1	7
1	6	7	8	3	2	5	9	4
5	9	4	6	1	7	8	3	2
9	5	3	7	6	1	4	2	8
7	2	1	9	8	4	3	5	6
8	4	6	5	2	3	1	7	9
4	7	9	3	5	6	2	8	1
3	8	2	1	4	9	7	6	5
6	1	5	2	7	8	9	4	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VNHDLHDO HY LGZ VNYYNOZ BFCT LGZ JGNCY CB

LGZ ZTCLHCDY LC LGZ CFUZF CB LGZ VCYYHSEZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: No one can be really esteemed accomplished who does not greatly surpass what is usually met with.

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	(S-2)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 1.10 pm
		7 pm, 10 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am, 10.10 pm
Aadujeevitham (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm; (S-3) 6.50 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 2.50 pm
Crew (H)	(S-2)	4.50 pm, 7.20 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm; (S-4) 4.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)	(S-3)	3.30 pm

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Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	11 am, 12.45 pm
		5.35 pm, 7.10 pm
Yuva (K)	:	12.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 4.10 pm
		6.30 pm, 7.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Crew 2024 (H)	:	1.30 pm, 3.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	4.15 pm, 6.50 pm

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		7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (H-2D)	:	4 pm
Yuva (K)	:	9.30 am, 11.45 am, 12.45 pm
		3 pm, 4 pm, 6.15 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	9.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Crew -2024 (H)	:	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.15 pm, 10 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (K)	:	12.25 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (Ma)	:	6.40 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	2.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.15 pm

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Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	9.35 am, 1.45 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm
Yuva (K)	:	10.30 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
		5.45 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Crew 2024 (H)	:	10.45 am, 4.15 pm, 9 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.30 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (K)	:	2.10 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (Ma)	:	10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 30)

- **Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthana, Sri Sharada Peetha, Sringeri and Abhinava Shankaralaya, Mysore:** Centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya, Arrival of **Sringeri Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekara Bharati Sannidhanam, 6 pm;** Inauguration of 'Sacchidananda Vilasa' Gurubhavana and Sabhabhavana; Abhinava Shankaralaya, Shankara Mutt Road, Fort Mohalla, **7 pm.**

- **Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation:** Nature's Allure - Art expo of photographs related to Kukkarahalli Lake by Sunil Raju, Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **upto 7 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni-821,' story-telling by Dr. Vimalasri, Proprietor, Vaishnavi Food Needs, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Bhoomika Associates and Late Mike Chandru Geleyara Balaga, Mysuru:** 'Gaanasiri' music programme, singing of old Kannada, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu film songs, Balaga President K.S. Suresh presides, Centenary Hall, Sarada Vilas College, Krishnamurthypuram, **5 pm.**
- **Laya Abhinaya Performing Arts Centre, Bengaluru:** Smt. Suvarnamma memorial programme, 'Suvarna Kala Utsava', Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, B. Gayathri, Principal, Sri Ravishankar Vidyamandira, Bengaluru South, presides, Dr. Sheela Sridhar, retd. Professor, Dept. of Dance, University of Mysore and Vid. R. Kannan of Nandini Nrityalaya Trust, Mysuru, chief guests; Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao of Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust, Mysuru, special invitee; felicitation to Sai Abhinaya, disciple of Swatilekha of Nrutya Parampara School of Dance and Tanima Patra, Kathak Dancer and Choreographer, Tanima Academy; Badari Divya Bhushan, internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam Guru's sons Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan, to perform followed by Bharatanatya dance by Laya Abhinaya students, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, Mysuru, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Discourse by Swami Ishtanathanandaji on 'Atmabodha,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru:** Odissi dance by Vidu. Sindhu Kiran and her students, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam, **6.30 pm.**
- **GPIER:** National Theatre Fest, Vasu Dixit Collective, **5.30 pm;** Staging of play 'Sakal Jaani He Naath' (Hindi) by Kahe Vidushak Foundation. Direction: Srinivas Beesetty, Kirurangamandira, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 31)

- **Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthana, Sri Sharada Peetha, Sringeri and Abhinava Shankaralaya, Mysore:** Centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya, Sankalpa of Maha Rudra & Shata Chandi Yagas, **9 am;** Darshan to devotees by Sringeri Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekara Bharati Sannidhanam, Pada Puja, Bhiksha Vandana, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Shankara Mutt Road, Fort Mohalla, **10.30 am.**
- **Kalasuruchi and Devagitam Charitable Trust:** Demonstration on Ambabai's Life and Kruthi Darshana by Dr. T.S. Sathyavathi and her disciples Ashwini Sathish and Lavanya Krishnamurthy; interaction with Dr. Shantha Nagaraj, Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Open Forum:** Talk on Electoral Bonds & Political Funding by Prof. Trilochan Sastry, Professor, IIM, Bengaluru and Chairman of Association for Democratic Reforms; Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Ist Phase, **10.30 am.**
- **Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation:** Nature's Allure - Art exhibition of photographs related to Kukkarahalli Lake by Sunil Raju, Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **11 am to 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Samskrutika Hagu Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** First anniversary celebrations, presentation of 'Karnataka Ratna Sri' awards to achievers from various fields followed by comedy programme by artistes of 'Maja Bharata' and 'Gichchi Giligili' TV reality shows; Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Melukote Vangipura Mutt and Dr. Anu Amma of Doddaballapur Shakti Swaroopini Renuka Yellamma Temple will grace the occasion, social worker Raghuram Vajpayee inaugurates, Human Rights Committee State President Dr. Seetharamegowda presides, Town Hall, **11 am.**
- **Mysore Story Tellers Network Trust:** World Story Telling Day- One day story telling festival in 6 different languages "Kathegalu — An evening of stories," Heritage House, Saraswathipuram **5 pm.**
- **GPIER:** National Theatre Fest, Chande Vadana by 'Thatvamasi Singari Melam,' Mangaluru, **5.30 pm**; Valedictory programme, **6 pm;** Staging of Play 'Navaratriya Konedina (Kannada) by Rangapayana, Bengaluru. Author and Director: Rajguru Hoskote, Kirurangamandira, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Discourse by Swami Sarvajayananda on 'Sri Sri Ramakrishna Charite,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** K.V. Murthy Memorial Endowment Vocal concert by Vid. Maharajpuram Ramachandran, accompanied by Vid. H.V. Raghuram on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Sabha premises, Mysuru K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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	(S-2)	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.45 pm, 10 pm
Crew (H)	(S-3)	10.55 am, 1.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Aadujeevitham (Ma)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-1)	2.45 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-4)	2.45 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.05 pm
	(S-4)	11.25 am, 5 pm
		7.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	(S-1)	9.05 am
	(S-3)	4.25 pm, 10.10 pm

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Yuva (K)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 4 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Crew -2024 (H)	:	9.55 am, 4.30 pm, 10 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.45 pm
		7 pm, 9.40 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm
		7 pm, 10.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.40 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.30 pm
Aadujeevitham - The Goat Life (Ma)	:	3.25 pm
Tharini (K)	:	4.20 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	7.15 pm

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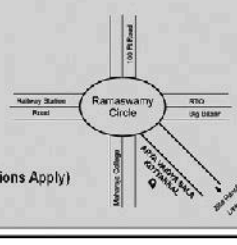

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